BOARD IS TO MAKE A LEVY ON BANKS

Must Raise Cash to Carry on **Business of Federal Re**serve System.

ESTIMATE OF \$300,000 FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS

Exact Status of Body Remains to Be Determined by Decisions as to Disbursements.

serve banks. Announcement of the levy may be looked for at any time; payment will not be made until the federal reserve banks have in the pay-ments of member banks on account of their subscriptions of federal reserve bank stock, already called for to be paid by November 2.

It Must Have Money.

The federal reserve board must have money. It has reached the point in its career where cash is essential; it can no longer remain a pensioner on the reserve bank organization committee for clerical service and stationery and

Board Members' Salaries.

The Secretary of the Treasury, as a member of the federal reserve board, is a negligible quantity on the pay roll, as the United States pays him all he ts in the way of financial recomper

Allowance for Increase.

These items of pay, taking the maximum figures, will foot up an annual pay roll of exactly \$150,000. If allowance is to be made for any great increase in force during the first six months of operation, the annual pay roll will be proportionately increased. It is not to be overlook 'however, that the members of the Lederal recommissioner of insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner of Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner In Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner In Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner In Insieries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commissioner In Insieries, to Seall Redfield of the Department of Commissioner Insieries, to Seall Redfield of the Department of Commissioner Insieries, to Seall Redfield of the Beard. The Bear Redfield of the Department of Commissioner Insieries, to Seall Redfield of the Beard. The Bear Redfield of the Department of Commissioner Insieries, to Seall Redfield of the Beard. The Bear Redfield of the Beard Redfield of the Beard. The Bear Redfield of the Beard Redfiel of the Beard Redfield of the Beard. The Bear Redfield of the Beard Redfiel and the Beard Redfiel Redfield Redfiel Redfiel Redfield Redfiel Redfield Redfiel Redfiel Redfield Redfiel Redfiel R serve board have salaries accruing to

Status of the Board.

The status of the federal reserve many authorities. There has been not much argument to support any view that the federal reserve board was an independent organization, entirely free of governmental character. But there has been considerable doubt of the extent of its exact relations to the government. tent of its exact relations to the sovernment.

The fact that the entire expenses of copper it produced.

the federal reserve system were under the law chargeable against member banks; and the founds dispensed without interference by the federal reserve board gave color to argument that the federal reserve board was more responsible to financial interests than to the government. But the fact that its members are appointed by the President; that the law distinctly provides that its clerks could be covered into civil service, and, the contrary, that they might be exempted from civil service requirements, gave strong support to the theory that the federal reserve board is purely a governmental function.

This was the view taken of its

function.

This was the view taken of its status by the Postmaster General when he decided, as within his authority to do, that the federal reserve board could use the mails free under depart-mental frank, as do other branches of the government. The question will again be agitated when the question of auditing the accounts of the federal reserve board comes up, as come up it must, for determination.

Expense of Audits.

If the federal reserve board must audit its own accounts as a quasiindependent body, a great expense will be loaded upon it to provide an auditing department. If the government machinery is applicable to the job, then

At least \$75,000 and possibly \$100,000 for six months' expeditures for salaries, supplies and miscellaneous and sundry items, with about \$200,000 added as the cost of engraving plates and dies and printing reserve bank notes to the value of \$200,000,000—a total of from \$275,000 to \$300,000—will approximately represent the first semi-annual levy to be made by the federal reserve board for money to carry it through the first half year of existence.

The levy will not be long delayed; a committee of members of the federal reserve board, as these laws are practically all directed at expenditures of moneys appropriated by Congress from the United States and would not apply to money provided by the semi-annual needs for the purposes of declaring the levy on the federal reserve banks. Announcement of the without congressional interven-

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reserve bank organization committee for clerical service and stationery and other supplies paid for from funds allotted by Concress for organizing the new currency system.

New that the preserve board is about to take ever control and direction of the identification of the identification of the identification of the federal reserve banks on November 16 or on November 51, it must have its own clerical staff, its own funds to draw upon for scharles and supplies and miscellaneous and sundry expenses.

The United States government provides no funds for the activities of the new currency system. It provides quarters in the Treasury Department building and allows the use of the mails free of cost. It is provided in the law that the federal reserve banks, they in turn to prorate the tax among the member banks, including funds for the operations of the federal reserve banks, they in turn to prorate the tax among the member banks, including funds for the operations of the federal reserve banks, they in turn to prorate the tax among the member banks, including funds for the operations of the federal reserve board is also required to reimburse the government for expenditures for engraving plates and dies and printing money issuable under the new currency law and include the item in estimates of semi-annual expenditures.

Exactly how much the federal reserve board will need first crack out of the strong boxes of the banks, how much it will demand in its first semi-annual levy, is a matter of conjecture.

Annual expenditures in sight, as far as can be foreseen, will range somewhere between \$150,000 and \$200,000, without considering the printing bill of the federal reserve boxes of the banks, how much it will demand in its first semi-annual levy, is a matter of conjecture.

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than ever before in its history, accord for public service. The controller of ing to the annual report of Judge Ad-

gets in the way of financial recompense for public service. The controller of the currency, also a member of the federal reserve board draws down \$7,000 of his whole salary from the federal reserve board pay roll, while the government pays the rest, putting him on equal financial footing with his associates. The other five members of the reserve board each are to be paid, under the law, a salary of \$12,000 a year. For the members of the federal reserve board alone the pay roll items aggregate \$67,000.

There are three efficials subordinate to the federal reserve board, whose salaries will aggregate something in the neighborhood of \$18,000. Then there are two or three experts, still to be employed, whose services will command a good price, and whose pay account will add to the pay roll perhaps \$15,000, perhaps \$20,000.

Each of the dive members of the federal reserve board other than the Secretary of the Treasury and the controller of the currency, will have as personal staff a private secretary and at least one stenographer and one messenger. Here are items of pay that will aggregate probably more than \$20,000.

It is proposed to organize a clerical staff with about twenty-five clerks to begin with. With additional messengers, it is probable that this will add about \$25,000 to the pay roll.

Allowance for Increase.

H. M. Smith Submits Report of Culture Division Activities for 1915.

What to the ordinary individual seem enormous quantities of fish eggs have been collected for the fiscal year 1915 by the division of fish culture, as shown in the report of Hugh M. Smith, commissioner of fisheries, to Secretary Redfield of the Department of Com-

on's ship, was landed.

The Bear left Unalaska October 14, and The status of the federal reserve board, as a government function, as a quasi-governmental function or as a continely independent organization under government regulation and direction, has at odd times been debated by many authorities. There has been not much argument to support any view that the federal reserve board was an independent organization, entirely free services.

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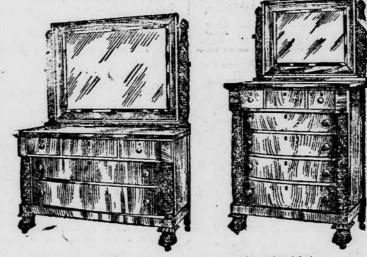
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